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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Executive Secretary, DCI

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Top Secret Control Officer, DCI

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FROM

: J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief, History Staff

SUBJECT

: Review and Release of CIA Documents to Dr. Charles  
Sampson, Department of State Historian

1. Dr. Charles Sampson, an official historian with the Department of State, has asked that he be permitted to use the following CIA-originated documents from the Office of the Secretary of Defense in preparing a Vietnam War volume in the official documentary series Foreign Relations of the United States:

TOP SECRET document #HS/OSD/18, 3 Dec 65  
TOP SECRET document #HS/OSD/19, 6 May 65  
SECRET document #HS/OSD/23, 10 Feb 64  
SECRET document #HS/OSD/25, 14 Jul 65  
SECRET document #HS/OSD/28, 16 Jan 63  
SECRET document #HS/OSD/31, 7 Jan 64  
CONFIDENTIAL document #HS/OSD/34, 24 Jul 65

I would be grateful if you would review these documents and decide whether they can be released (at their present classification, unless you wish to sanitize or downgrade them) to the Department of State for Dr. Sampson's use.

2. Dr. Sampson and the Department of State have agreed to the attached "CIA Records Access Policy," which requires further CIA review before any of the classified material you may now release to them can be declassified, downgraded, or published.

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3. I would be grateful if you would return these documents with your determination to the DCI History Staff, Room 316 Ames.

/s/ J. Kenneth McDonald

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Attachments

Distribution:

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1 - Sampson/STATE/VN/OSD

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